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PRESIDENT WILSON BURIED.

FUNERAL SERVICE BROADCASTED.

WASHINGTON, February 6.

The Government departments and all commerce-and-industry observed a great silence on the occasion of President Wilson's funeral which was carried out without ceremonial but with the highest honours at the Little Bethlehem Chapel. The actual interment was witnessed by only his nearest relatives as President Coolidge, members of the Cabinet, diplomats and other guests left after the pronouncement of the benediction. The funeral service was broadcasted by wireless throughout the country.

RESENTMENT IN NEW YORK.

The crowd resenting the delay in the half-masting of the German flag at the German Embassy on the occasion of the funeral of ex-President Wilson decorated the front of the Embassy with an American flag. To-day the flag was removed after a complaint had been made to the police.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

BERLIN, February 6.

It is officially announced that the German Ambassador at Washington asked the German Government whether he should officially express the sympathy of the Government on the death of ex-President Wilson. The Government replied that there was no occasion to express sympathy in the name of the Government and the Ambassador must himself decide the form wherein he personally wished to participate in the national mourning.

—Reuter's American Service.

BACKBONE BROKEN.

MEXICAN REVOLT ENDING.

HUERTA IN FLIGHT.

MEXICO CITY, February 6.

War Department officials declare that with the flight of Huerta, the backbone of the insurrection has been broken. Huerta is believed to be fleeing to Yucatan.—Reuter's American Service.

WASHINGTON, February 6.

The American cruiser "Richmond" has entered Vera Cruz and Admiral Magruder is co-operating with the Consul-General in restoring normal conditions.—Reuter's American Service.

[Earlier cables announced that, following Federal victories, Huerta, the Revolutionary leader and his staff, had fled from their headquarters at Vera Cruz.]

LEGAL BUT RISKY.

FRANCO-RUSSIAN TRADE.

—Reuter's Service to the China Mail.

PARIS, February 6.

M. Skoboleff, the Soviet commercial agent in France, is going to London with his staff in the afternoon, having completed the liquidation of his agency owing to the decision of the Seine Tribunal that Franco-Russian trade, although legal, must be undertaken at traders' own risk and cannot enjoy the protection of the French courts as long as the French Government does not recognise the Soviet Government.

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CHURCH REUNION "CONVERSATIONS."

LONDON, February 6.

The Archbishop of Canterbury in a statement to the Convocation at Westminster emphasized that the Malines conversations on December 27 were not even within measurable distance of negotiations but were private conversations about the respective creeds and doctrines of the Churches of England and Rome.

SWIMMING.

AUSTRALIAN MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

HOBART, February 6.

The Swedish swimmer, Arne Borg, won the Australian mile championship in 22 minutes and 45 3/5 seconds. Beaupre was second and Christy third.

[Recently Borg swam a mile in the world's record time of 22 minutes and 34 seconds.]

EMPIRE SQUADRON.

ARRIVAL IN MALAYA.

ADMIRAL FIELD, INTERVIEWED.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, February 6.

The "Hood" and "Repulse" have arrived at Port Swettenham, great festivities reigning at Kuala Lumpur. The visit has aroused the most intense interest.

Admiral Field, when interviewed, said the cruise had been a wonderful success and they had had a great reception everywhere. The objects of the cruise were to test modern ships under war conditions in the tropics, to make the young officers acquainted with the Empire, to make friends with the people of the Far East.

AMMUNITION SEIZED.

MANILA, February 6.
The Customs authorities have seized 1500 pounds of ammunition from the "President Jackson" destined to China, evidently loaded at Seattle.

INTERPORT SOCCER.

SHANGHAI BEAT HANKOW.

SHANGHAI, February 6.
In the second match, Interport soccer, Shanghai beat Hankow by ten goals to nil.—Reuter's.

The entire special service squadron arrived in Singapore on Sunday for a week's visit. The Hawkin, with Admiral Lyle aboard, arrived to-morrow.

RUHR OCCUPATION.

ALLEGED SECRET COMPACT.

LLOYD GEORGE'S ALLEGATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, February 6.

The allegation that a secret compact exists regarding the occupation of German territory was made between ex-President Wilson and M. Clemenceau in March, 1919, during M. Wilson's visit to Paris. The secret was disclosed in an interview with Mr. Lloyd George.

Lloyd George denied the secret, but admitted that a secret agreement was reached in the Commons organised by Lord Northcliffe's telegram. When he returned he found that Wilson had surrendered to Clemenceau and thus the French gained the right to occupy the Rhine country which finally included the Treaty. He had only recently discovered that during his absence in London M. Clemenceau and ex-President Wilson signed a secret compact therewith. He had just received the documents from the Foreign Office. The French now wish to publish the secret agreement and desire his consent.

MR. LLOYD-GEORGE'S ALLEGATIONS.

The allegations of Mr. Lloyd-George regarding a secret agreement between M. Clemenceau and ex-President Wilson in 1919, have become a first-class sensation. The French Foreign Office has issued a statement to the effect that they prefer to await the text of the allegations before making any comment. In the meantime they deny the conclusion of any secret agreement.

LATER.

The British Foreign Office has issued a statement that the French Government recently notified them of their intention to prepare a Yellow Book containing documents relating to the drafting of articles 428 to 431 of the Peace Treaty and The British Government decided before replying to acquaint Mr. Lloyd George of the proposal as an act of courtesy. Consequently, proof sheets and documents were despatched to Mr. Lloyd George asking him whether he had any personal objection to their inclusion in the Yellow Book and requesting him to return the proofs.

No answer has been received and the proof sheets were not returned and the first indication that the letter reached Mr. Lloyd George comes from this alleged interview.

TIT FOR TAT.

STRIKES IN CHRISTIANIA.

CHRISTIANIA, February 6.

The dock strike against a reduction of wages which has been proceeding for the past fortnight has seriously developed, the employers deciding to lock-out 30,000 employees. They threaten to lock-out further 24,000 if an agreement is not reached in a week. The National Association of Trade Unions retaliated by proclaiming a strike in the paper pulp and celluloid industries, involving 13,000 employees.

NAVAL DISARMAMENT.

CONFERENCE IN ROME.

GENEVA, February 6.

M. Chicherin has notified the League of Nations Secretariat that the Soviet Government has agreed upon the place and date of the meeting of the Naval Disarmament Committee, namely at Rome on February 14. Admiral Behrens will represent Russia.

EMPIRE DEFENCE.

AUSTRALIA AND THE NAVAL BASE.

HOBART, February 7.

The Acting Premier Mr. Page in the course of a speech has declared that if the decisions to construct the Singapore Base are abandoned, the whole question of Empire defence must be reopened.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

WASHINGTON, February 6.

New Zealand has challenged for the Davis Cup.

PIRACY POLICY.

QUESTION IN THE COUNCIL.

At to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C. asked the following question:

Is the Government offering rewards for information which leads to the arrest and conviction of pirates?

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied: "The Government consider it inadvisable in the public interests to make any statements as regards the measures that are being taken for the apprehension of pirates."

Recently two hours delay was caused to goods traffic by an empty fish trawler from London to Grimsby breaking in half while travelling on the North Sea.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1924, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 11th February to SATURDAY, 23rd February, 1924 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on the day and at the place aforesaid immediately upon the termination of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution viz:

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Corporation to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinance under which the Corporation is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the ordinary note issue of the Corporation being increased from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 and to modify the existing requirements as regards the deposit of security in respect of its note issue in the following manner.

(a) So that the whole of the increase (namely \$10,000,000) of such ordinary note issue shall be secured by coin or bullion or approved securities.

(b) To provide that whatever the total amount of the note issue may be at any particular time the amount of coin as distinct from bullion or approved securities to be deposited by the Corporation shall never be less than one third of the total amount of the bills in actual circulation.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1924.

NATIONAL LOANS.

SUBSCRIBERS to the National Loans of the Third Year of the Republic (1914) and the Eleventh Year of the Republic (1922) are hereby notified that the following Drawings for the redemption of the above Loans will be held this year.

THIRD YEAR LOAN.

2nd June 1924; 7th Drawing (\$2,750,000 approx.); redemption begins 30th June.

1st December 1924; 8th Drawing (\$2,750,000 approx.); redemption begins 31st December.

It is to be noted that two Drawings of this Loan, instead of one, are being held this year in order to bring the redemption of the Loan and its extinction in 1925 into line with the schedule of amortisation prescribed by the Loan regulations.

ELEVENTH YEAR LOAN.

10th May 1924; 3rd Drawing (\$1,000,000); redemption begins 31st May.

10th November 1924; 4th Drawing (\$1,000,000); redemption begins 30th November.

The service of the above two Loans is conducted independently and forms no part of the National Consolidated Loan Service.

F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector General of Customs,
Inspectorate General of Customs,
Peking, 23rd January 1924.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 1st February to the 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1924.

G. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 11th day of February, 1924, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Million CROWN LAND at Shok Shan in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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HONGKONG THURSDAY, JAN. 7, 1924.

GANDHI.

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, just released from an Indian jail, owing to broken health, is not quite 55 years of age. He studied law in London, and began the practice of law in South Africa. If all Indians felt about things as he does, and behaved accordingly, he might not have gone to jail at all. If all men could be as civilized or made as religious as he, the world would be freed from its most conspicuous trouble.

"When," he said to an interviewer, "I read in the Sermon on the Mount such passages as 'Resist not him that is evil; but whosoever smiteth thee on the right cheek turn to him the other also,' and 'Love your enemies and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be the sons of your Father which is in heaven,' I was simply overjoyed and found my own opinion confirmed where I least expected it. The Bhagavad Gita, deepened my impression; and Tolstoy's 'The Kingdom of God is within you' gave it permanent form. I do not like the term 'passive resistance'; it fails to convey all I mean. It describes a method, but gives no hint of the system of which it is only a part. Real beauty—and that

is my aim—is in doing good against evil. Still I adopt that phrase because it is well known and easily understood, and because at present the great majority of my people can only grasp that idea. To me the ideas which underlie the Gujarati hymn and the Sermon on the Mount should revolutionize the whole of life."

When some of his followers yielded to the temptation to use physical force, he wrote a protest in *Young India*, November 24, 1921, which included this passage: "There is only one God for us all, whether we find him through the Koran, the Bible, the Zend Avesta, the Talmud, or the Gita. And He is God of Truth and Love. I have no interest in living save for proving this faith in me. I cannot hate an Englishman or anyone else. I have spoken and written much against his institutions, especially the one he has set up in India. I shall continue to do so, if I live. But you must not mistake my condemnation of the system for that of the man. My religion requires me to love him as I love myself. I would deny God if I did not attempt to prove it at this critical moment."

Before that (February 16, 1917) he said in Madras: "You may not offend anybody; you may not harbour an uncharitable thought even in connection with one who may consider himself to be your enemy. . . . For one who follows the doctrine of *ahimsa* there is no room for an enemy. But there are people who consider themselves to

be his enemies, and he cannot help that circumstance. So it is held that we may not harbour an evil thought even in connection with such persons. If we return blow for blow, we depart from the doctrine of *ahimsa*. . . . When I say we should not resent, I do not say that we should acquiesce; but by resenting I mean wishing that some harm should be done to that enemy, or that he should be put out of the way, even by the action of somebody else, or, say, by divine agency. If we harbour even this thought we depart from the

doctrine of *ahimsa*. . . . Is he a hypocrite? No one, even among his political opponents, has suggested that. Colonel Wedgwood says: "He is as serious as a child, and as pure. One does not feel it blasphemous to compare him with Christ; and Christ too, one suspects,

gave infinite trouble to reasonable and respectable followers."

The judge who tried him spoke very highly of his character as a man; but—he had broken the Law. "Non-violence," he kept saying, "makes non-cooperation a religious movement and throws man on God as his only Rock and Refuge. By non-violence the non-cooperator appears before his maker in his nakedness and commands divine help. He may not appear before him with his Bible or Koran or the Gita in one hand and his gun in the other. He appears on the contrary, with hands folded, a humble suppliant before the Great White Throne."

The sentence which has just been ended was not his first experience of jail. He was imprisoned in South Africa. In *The Modern Review* he wrote: "The greatest good I derived from these sufferings was that gained by undergoing bodily hardships. I could see my mental strength clearly increasing, and it is even now maintained. The experience of the last three months has left me more than ever prepared to undergo all such hardships with ease. I feel that God helps such conscientious objectors, and in putting them to the test He only burdens them with such sufferings as they can bear."

When Women Rule.

According to Mrs. Oliver Belmont, president of the National Women's Party of America, the world before very long "will be run by women." She was addressing an equal-rights meeting at Colorado Springs, and made no further references to her much-discussed statement, advising girls not to marry under present conditions, because nutriment for many people was a "sort of slavery." Mrs. Belmont's picturesque review of the world, as imagined by men for twenty centuries, appealed to her audience's visibility. Europe's condition to-day, she said, is "not a very appetising mess, or a very strong plea for masculine efficiency." As women to-day very nearly held the balance of political power, she predicted that the time was not far distant when women would take over the affairs of the world, and when there would be established a women's government by women for the benefit of humanity in general. Mrs. Belmont said they must look to women outside the ranks of fashionable society to take the initiative in forming this world's government. "For nine years," she said, "I have been an one crying in the wilderness to women of wealth and leisure to give over their pleasures and frivolities and do something to justify their existence. I have tried in vain. No reform ever appealed to people who have all they want." In another part of her rousing address to the Western adherents of the National Women's Party, Mrs. Belmont relented just a little as regards the part in the world's government reserved for men, and indicated that he might be useful in various administrative positions not necessitating a high order of imagination or the exercise of much political power. New York's millionaire women's leader was most bitter in her allusion to "women of leisure and luxury who refused to awake to a sense of their responsibility and duty in a world where they have earned no place for themselves."

Italy And Spain.

The recent ceremonial visit of the King of Spain to the Italian Court can hardly be regarded as one without political significance. King Alfonso was accompanied by his Prime Minister, who in Spain since the recent coup d'état occupies Madrid, much the same position and is playing much the same rôle as Signor Mussolini in Rome. General de Riveria is as much a dictator in Spain as is the Fascist leader in Italy. They are often engaged in similar tasks of blackmail the sugar beetles

toiled by the corrupt and feckless parliamentary Government, they have superseded. This seems to suggest a reason for their taking counsel together. But this rapprochement of two Latin nations of the Mediterranean may be the prelude of events of greater consequence.

Europe is in the melting pot. Things generally are in such an unsettled state that no one can possibly say a day in advance what may happen next. Mussolini is strongly imbued with the spirit of Nationalism. He has decreed that in the primary schools of his country Italy shall be the one language taught, even in those erstwhile Austrian territories which were ceded to Italy under the peace settlement, where, hitherto, German or a Slav language prevailed. It is an open secret that he cherishes the hope of seeing Italy the dominating Powers of the Mediterranean. He is said to be casting covetous eyes on Corfu, whose temporary occupation was a sensational phase of his recent quarrel with Greece, and although Anglo-Italian relations are the most cordial, he is credited with ambitions in the direction of Malta. With such a ruler in Italy, with a kindred spirit guiding the destinies of Spain, where he holds Gibraltar, and with a third discontent in all but name in M. Poincaré in France, their peoples all Latin, and their three countries having a sea littoral on the Mediterranean, more unlikely things may happen than the alignment of those countries sooner or later in a new triple alliance. Such an event could not be realised while the League of Nations exists, but the League would be powerless, constituted as it is, to prevent its consummation. Instinctively almost, we refuse to believe even in the possibility of the Mediterranean becoming a mere clausum, for Britain holds the rock," which stands at its Atlantic gate: Suez and Aden, which are its portals to the Indian Ocean and Malta as a naval base in the Mediterranean itself.

Generally regarded as a PUZZLING PERSONALITY visionary fanatic and a dangerous agitator, Gandhi is also a formidable ascetic who has denounced the British system as an "irresponsible, insolent, and godless bureaucracy" and who "in solitude has bidden the field of Indian sedition like a colossus". He is a man of simple wants and frugal habits. The apparent embodiment of gentleness, he is courteous, refined—implacable. According to a British observer who spoke with him—he is a master of accurate and lucid English—his eyes are deep, kindly and entirely sane; his hair is greying a little over the forehead. He has the "typical head of the idealist"—the skull well formed and finely modelled; the face narrowing to the pointed chin. He speaks gently and well, and in his voice is "a note of detachment which lends uncanny force to the strange doctrines that he has given his life to teach"—the doctrines of a pure idealist whom the people of India reverence as a god.

Prof. Gilbert Murray in his *Essays and Addresses ENGLAND* has recalled the days when Gandhi was in England. "About the year 1889 a young Indian student, called Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, came to England to study law. He was rich and clever, of a cultivated family, gentle and modest in his manner. He dressed and behaved like other people. There was nothing particular about him to show that he had already taken a Jain vow to abstain from wine, from flesh, and from sexual intercourse. When I met him in England, in 1914, he ate, I believe, only rice and drank only water and slept on the floor; and his wife, who seemed to be his companion in everything, lived in the same way. His conversation was that of a cultivated and well-read man, with a certain indefinable suggestion of saintliness."

JUDGE'S JUDGE, pronouncing SYMPATHY cing judgment FOR THE and sentence, PRISONER, said: "Mr. Gandhi, you have made my task easy in one way by pleading guilty to the charge. Nevertheless, what remains, namely, the determination of a just sentence, is perhaps as difficult a proposition as a Judge in this country could have to face. The law is no respecter of persons. Nevertheless, it will be impossible to ignore the fact that you are in a different category from any person I have ever tried or am likely to have to try. It would be impossible to ignore the fact that in the eyes of millions of your countrymen you are a great patriot and a great leader. Even those who differ from you in politics look upon you as a man of high ideals and of noble and even saintly life. I have to deal with you in one character only. It is not my duty and I do not presume to judge or criticise you in any other character. It is my duty to judge you as a man subject to the law who has on that account Ad

mitted what to an ordinary man must appear to be grave offences against the State. I do not forget that you have consistently preached against violence and that you have on many occasions, as I am

willing to believe, done much to prevent violence. But having regard to the nature of political teaching and the nature of many of those to whom it was addressed, how you could have continued to believe that violence would not be the inevitable consequence, it passes my capacity to understand. There are probably few people in India who do not sincerely regret that you should have made it impossible for any Government to leave you at liberty. But it is so. And I should like to say, in passing sentence that if the course of events in India should make it possible for the Government to reduce the period and release you no one will be better pleased than I."

When, in the second week of March, 1922, GANDHI the news was flashed over India that

Mohandas K. Gandhi had been arrested, there was a brief period when the timid feared the worst. However, nothing specially unpleasant occurred, and with Gandhi in jail, the preparations for his trial were rapidly completed. When, on March 18, he appeared in the dock at Ahmedabad without counsel, with characteristic shyness, he pleaded guilty to all the charges against him. He went further, warning the presiding Judge that his guilt was so complete that justice would be satisfied with nothing less than the maximum penalty. On receiving sentence he complimented the Judge on his fairness.

The Judge then rose and left the court. Gandhi's friends crowded round. Many were weeping, but the Mahatma himself was cool. There were last words of counsel to his successors in the struggle, and affectionate farewells to family and friends. Then came the prison guards, and the man whom one-fifth of the human race regards as worthy of divine honour was taken behind the bars. His parting words were, "Wear khaddar. Ply the spinning wheel."

To-day's Poem.

The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one;
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 7.—Coronet Theatre: Jackie Coogan in "My Boy."

February 7.—Star Theatre: M. McLaren in "The Wild Goose."

February 7.—World Theatre: Harold Lloyd in "Why Worry."

February 18.—Planoforte Recital at City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

SOCIAL.

February 8.—Performance given by the Popular Concert Party of H.M.S. "Diomedes" in Palace Hotel.

February 23.—Royal Air Force Reunion Dinner.

March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.

SPONT.

February 8.—Fourth tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

LAND SALE.

February 11.—At P. W. D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Shek Wan, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 23.—Annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at City Hall, 11.30 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 25.—Thirty-seventh meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's offices, 11 a.m.

OTHER MEETING.

February 11.—Annual General Meeting, Kowloon Residents Association, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The H.M.S. "Diomedes" concert party will give a performance at the Palace Hotel to-morrow.

There will be a cinematograph show for children at the Helena May Institute on Friday the 8th inst., at 5.30. The Machine has been kindly lent by Pathé Orient.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Reuter cable reports the death of Mr. Nettleton Goodwin, managing editor of the *Penang Gazette*.

A Reuter cable announces the death of General Von Hoepfner, who served with the German force attached to the Allied Expedition in connection with the Boxer Rebellion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Parsons, Miss F. Neave, Messrs. L. E. and E. S. Kadourie, and Capt. W. Davison are passengers on the *Outgoing*, *Empress of Borneo*.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

OUR OFFICE WIZARD AND THE NEW YEAR.

EDUCATION.

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EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the *China Mail*

Sir.—I write to endorse the comments of Scholastic but I do not think he goes far enough.

Three of Hongkong's newspapers have commented at great length and very unfavourably on the proposed appointment of the New Director of Education, but the line of action is not sufficiently far-reaching.

The Petition should be drafted by a Committee from among those gentlemen who convened the public meeting, which was held at the City Hall last year and assisted by those who supported the movement.

Had the Committee that convened the public meeting carried out the whole of the programme contemplated, we should not now stand to-day—and running the risk of having another Cadet foisted upon us. It seems to me, Sir, that while the petition is being circulated for signature, a cable should be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies requesting that no recommendation regarding the appointment of Mr. Irving's successor be confirmed until the voice of the public of this Colony has been heard. The cost of such a cable could be borne by public subscription collected through the newspaper and, I limited, say, to \$1.00.

Copies of the Petition should be sent to the leading educational papers at home, to Col. John Ward, to the Parliamentary representatives of the Teachers.

In view of the change of Government I feel sure we can reasonably expect a sympathetic and considerate hearing, especially as the New Government is composed of Labour Members.

The sooner we air our grievances and for ourselves; then local Government officials will learn that they hold their offices at the will of the people and for the people only.

The policy in the past must cease, and class appointments must not be tolerated.

To turn over the Education Department to anyone other than a man who knows the work is infamous and it will be well for our officials to take heed and listen to the words of warning and advice as voiced to public opinion and submit.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 1924.

THE CHINA MAIL.

CEMENT COMPANY SENSATION.

FOUR DIRECTORS RESIGN.

SHAREHOLDERS DEMAND CAPITAL INCREASE.

TAKEN AS VOTE OF CENSURE.

Following the adoption by the shareholders of resolutions increasing the capital of the Company and providing for the appointment of two additional directors, the whole of the Directors of the Green Island Cement Company, Ltd., with the exception of the Chairman (Mr. R. Shewan), resigned at the close of an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders held this morning.

The meeting, which was held at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., the general managers of the Company, was crowded, there being over sixty shareholders present. Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and there were present: the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and the Rev. Father Robert (Directors), Mr. Allan Keith (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—

Messrs. B. Basto, J. P. Braga, C. A. da Roza, W. Adamson, A. S. da Roza, F. M. L. Soares, E. J. Figueiredo, Fred Ellis, Felix Ellis, J. J. Bagrin, E. M. Raymond, W. Van Eps, L. Tobias, W. Logan, A. H. Carroll, H. H. Taylor, A. L. Shields, Tse Tsan-tai, Tsang Foo, A. L. Apacar, W. T. Shewan, F. P. de V. Soares, D. M. Goodall, J. H. Ruitonjee, J. W. Kew, O. Kitchell, J. Barradas, W. Allen, J. M. da Rocha, A. A. Cordeiro, I. S. Perry, M. A. Figueiredo, S. A. Lopes, J. M. Alves, Tong Hok-tung, Li Tse-fong, Yip Yung-pak, Choi Siu-woo, Woo Fong, Lau Mok-lin, F. M. da Silva, Ho Shai-cho, O. el Arcujo, Chan Yat-shang, T. W. Munton, Lee Ping-Shan, V. Curreem and Miss B. Percira.

The resolutions, which were taken by the dissenting Directors as a vote of censure, were put before the meeting as the result of a requisition signed by a number of shareholders. Two of them had to do with the increasing of the Company's capital from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 by the creation of 400,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$7.50 each, and the third was concerned with the appointment of two additional Directors. It was suggested that the new Directors should be Messrs. C. A. da Roza and Li Tse-fong.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—This meeting has been called in response to a letter signed by 30 shareholders, representing 123,028 shares, which I will now read to you. The question of moving the factory from Hok Un has been before the Directors for some, and the suggestion which comes from shareholders that the capital of the Company should be increased was specially discussed at a Directors' meeting held on the January 10, last, this meeting being called for that special purpose at the request of certain shareholders. The decision arrived at, was as you know communicated to the public the same day. It was that the Board of Directors was not yet prepared, nor in a position to say at present, whether more capital was required or not.

The resolutions before you embody all the wishes of the shareholders who signed the letter of the January 11, and it is now for you to say whether they shall be accepted or rejected.

Mr. Da Roza's Proposal.

Mr. Da Roza said, addressing the Chairman:—

Early last month a representative group of shareholders asked you to place before the Board of Directors a proposal for an increase in the Company's capital in order to provide funds for the purpose of erecting a new factory on another site which we understood, by an arrangement with the Government, was imminent.

You informed us, Mr. Chairman, that the proposal had been duly submitted, and later an announcement appeared in some of the local papers giving really no decision in the matter. As far as I remember the announcement stated that the Directors had not decided whether or not to issue new capital—the position was left in doubt, and it is for the purpose of clearing it, and of assisting the Board into a decision, that this meeting was requisitioned for.

I think we are all agreed that the present factory at Hok Un has got to be moved; we have no choice in the matter because of the development scheme of the Government, and we are really extremely fortunate that the growth in Kowloon in recent years has so increased the value of the land on which the factory now stands that we can afford, if need be, to scrap all our other fixed assets at Hok Un. Apart therefore from Government pressure, and viewing the proposition entirely from our own angle, it will be folly economically to risk the change further, but to avoid any possible misapprehension on the part of shareholders of a conservative frame of mind, I should like to mention some figures: I have nothing later than the balance sheet of December 31, 1922, to

refer to, but from that statement which should not be different to the present position to any great extent, the only fixed assets which will have to be scrapped are the buildings and machinery valued at \$419,000—against which there was a reserve for new plant of \$6 lakhs, so that the sacrifice we are making has already been provided for out of past profits.

The New Factory Site.

The new site for the factory, gentlemen, will be, I am told, at Gin Drinker's Bay; we have no information as to its suitability, but from a passing knowledge of the district—it will cost a considerable sum perhaps \$2,000,000—if not more, to develop, and lay out for the erection of an up-to-date factory and the provision of a sea wall, wharves, etc. On top of that, there will be heavy capital expenditure for kilns which no doubt will be of the rotary type. Two of these, the minimum we should commence with, will take away a large sum and there are the buildings, grinding machinery and other plant to be provided for which will account for another huge amount. The scheme, gentlemen, involves anything from 5 to 6 million dollars, staggering figures requiring some optimism to put up, but fortunately for ourselves not entirely dependable on the fortunes of business to justify the million and a quarter feet of land at Hok Un, nominally valued at \$1 per square foot, should give us an opportunity to recoup that figure.

Is all this heavy expenditure justifiable? A great part is unavoidable even if the new factory should be of the Hok Un type, and we are therefore only required to justify expenditure in excess of the cost of a factory of that description. Gentlemen, I don't know anything about the technicalities of cement manufacture, but as a business proposition the expenditure appears to me to be sound.

Meeting Competition.

We make a cement second to none, our cement still holds the premier position in various market places because of its quality, but our prices are sufficiently above competitive brands to make it an important consideration, and we are consequently risking further loss of some of our markets, if these competitive brands should ever reach the "Green Island" standard of quality.

Gentlemen, our comparatively higher prices have been kept up because of heavy working costs, we cannot afford to reduce them so long as the Company is handicapped by antiquated methods forced on us by old and worn out machinery. Cost of manufacture can be brought down sufficiently to enable a reduction in price qualifying Green Island Cement to meet competition on the basis of quality alone.

Up-to-date machinery should also increase our output very considerably without an increase in expenditure in the same ratio, and in this connection it is illuminating to know that a factory in Japan has an annual output of 4,000,000 barrels, and another in North China of over 1,500,000 barrels. I have never been told what our output is, but let me guess at a figure of something under 900,000. We are meeting competition in the Philippines, the Straits, Siam, Indo-China, Japan and North China, and there are rumours of other factories springing up in North China, and in Indo-China but the strangest thing of all is the competition largely in foreign cement which we have fortunately not up to now felt because of the demand exceeded.

Our profits, gratifying as they have been, might have been better, were they not curtailed for want of ability to produce more, but in this respect there should be no ground for complaint in the future if we adopt a progressive policy, and proceed with the erection of the new factory energetically. With all respect to you, Mr. Chairman, the opinion is somewhat widely held that the Green Island Cement Co. has stood still watching the remarkable development around us during recent years, and this no doubt has encouraged the importation of foreign cement.

Mr. Bernard Explains.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard said:—The circumstances connected with the calling of this meeting are somewhat unusual, and, with your permission

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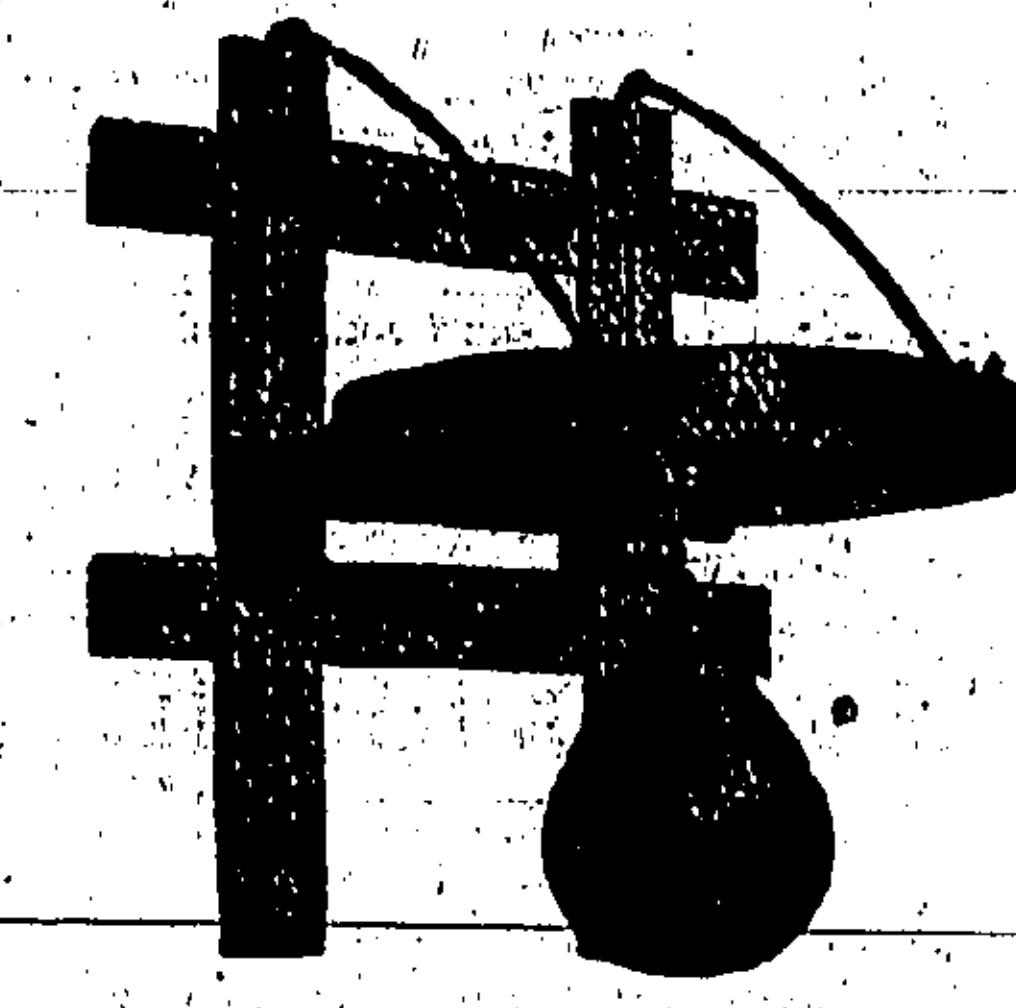
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MESOZOIC AGE.

NAVAL SLOOP'S COLLECTION
OF FAUNA.

Many interesting fossils and specimens of marine life of great scientific value have been brought to Brisbane by H.M.A.S. "Geranium," the naval survey ship of the Australian Navy. Chief among them, however, and apart from its scientific value, the most interesting of all is a fossilized specimen of what appears to have been a giant fish lizard.

Surgeon-Lieut. W. E. J. Partridge, who showed the Brisbane Courier representative the specimens he had collected during the cruise, inclines to the view that the specimen is a fish lizard, closely allied to the prehistoric plesiosaurus (fish lizard), which flourished shortly after the coal age. When it lived millions of years ago the reptile would have been about 20ft. long. The plesiosaurus is the type or leading genus of a family (plesiosauridae) of fossil sea-reptiles which abounded in the Mesozoic age, the secondary geological period, which includes the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous ages.

"This specimen," said Surgeon Partridge, "was given to us by Mr. Allen, the officer in charge of the Botanic Gardens, at Darwin, and it is intended for the Sydney Museum. The fossil was found inland in the Darwin district, proving that the previous existence in which it lived must have been many millions of years ago." On the deck of the "Geranium" lay a curious object covered with a woollen framework. To the casual observer all that was to be seen was a huge misshapen piece of chalky stone, but running in a straight line in the centre of the "stone" appeared circular holes which are, or were, the joints in the vertebral or backbone of the reptile. Branching out at even spaces are grooves which represent the ribs.

A GIANT SEA WORM.

Another specimen intended for the Sydney Museum is a giant sea worm, which was caught on a line. The worm easily swallowed a large hook. A tube of quite rare crustaceans also forms part of a fine collection. Among the collection are several tusks of the male and female dugong. The dugong is a species of herbivorous marine mammal, and doubtless it is the animal that has been mistaken for the fabled mermaid. The tusks of the female, which are used for feeding only, are 7in. long. The male's tusks are formidable weapons 8in. in length, and are used when fighting. Some of the fish and other specimens of marine life secured are very rare, and have not yet been classified. While they are comparatively unknown in Australian waters, it may be that their prototypes abound in Indian waters. Rare crabs of comic aspect were gathered from the Barrier Reef. Among them is a fine specimen of the mantis shrimp, which has a trunk encircled by dark grey bands. There are number of varieties of mantis shrimp, but most of them are pure white in colour. Huge sponges, which are of no commercial use, being too gritty and hard were also gathered along the Reef.

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CEMENT COMPANY SENSATION.

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be time enough to consider whether or not it would be necessary to ask for more capital or whether other and better means could be found of providing any money that might be required, and that is the position to-day.

No-Confidence Vote?

New gentlemen, the day after the meeting of the Directors, a letter was prepared and signed by a number of shareholders requisitioning this meeting, but not giving any reason whatever why the resolutions were being put forward. In connection with the proposed move from Hok Un, no proposition has yet been considered by the Directors nor even put before them, in spite of the fact that we not only to increase the authorized capital but to call up \$400,000 of it right away—money which as things are at present, is not wanted and would have to join the other million or two on fixed deposit in the bank—money, mind you, on which a dividend would have to be paid although not required nor employed by the Company in its business! This, Gentlemen, is a proposition that I cannot assent to as a shareholder, and it involves a responsibility that, as a Director, I decline to accept.

Turning now to the third Resolution, which increases the number of Directors from five to seven this perhaps arose owing to the wish of certain shareholders to put two further Directors on the Board, mentioned in letters from shareholders dated January 8 and 10. I am unable to dissociate this resolution from the first two, and I regard it as a vote of no-confidence in your present Directors, following on their decision in connection with the verbal request made by our Chairman to increase the Capital. It is difficult to account for it otherwise, as the Directors have numbered five for many years. Perhaps I am mistaken in this view, and if so I can only say it is unfortunate that the present occasion should have been selected to bring forward the resolution, and without even having submitted it or made the suggestion to the Directors beforehand.

In the Air.

When I came to this meeting, expected to hear some substantial reasons why these resolutions were being put forward, but I regret to say that I have heard none. The whole scheme of Gin Drinkers' Bay, as I have said, is in the air at the moment and until a definite proposal is put forward it is impossible to consider or to discuss what our financial position is.

A Doubtful Dogma.

But, gentlemen, the time has arrived when shareholders as a body in Hongkong and generally in the Far East have refused to accept the doubtful dogma of the infallibility of any Board of Directors.—(Applause).

On this present occasion, a number, and a not inconsiderable number, of shareholders happen to be at variance with their own Board but that is not to say that because we hold divergent views we have no confidence in you gentlemen as a Board. But we are glad of this opportunity to express our views, if only to let the Board of Directors understand that the time has arrived when shareholders desire to have a large voice in the destinies of their properties. —(Applause).

You have been the guides and friends in the past and we hope to retain in this Board, if the resolutions the salient point he made was this question of a prospective loan from the Government. I ask you to consider that very sound advice of our immortal dramatist when he said: "Neither a borrower nor a lender be." Gentlemen, Father Robert has said that this is probably an unusual occasion end-to-mind—it is a unique occasion in the history of public companies in Hongkong—that you have nearly half the number of shareholders coming to you instead of you going to them but in hand asking them for money for the development of the Company.

They are coming to offer you a round \$400,000 for the enlargement and improvement of the plant and here we have you in the same breath telling us that that offer must be turned down. To me it is a unique experience and I should be sorry if this very large and representative meeting should turn down that offer. —(Applause).

Cement Era Coming.

I think that in making that offer these gentlemen who represent now at least 125,000 shares out of 400,000 were only taking time by the forelock. They probably think as I do that we are, to quote the words of a leading member of a firm of stockbrokers in London, "at the very beginning of the cement era." You will remember that the firm of Messrs. Horne recently acquired the control of the interest of the whole of the Company, and with regard to the conduct of the business of the Company, are not in accordance with the wishes of shareholders, and I now wish to give notice to our Chairman that I wish to resign my position as a Director. According to the Articles of Association, I have to give one month's notice, but I hope that he will be able to fill the vacancy at an earlier date than that.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard rose and said:—I have listened with the greatest of interest to the speech made by Mr. Horne told us that we were at the beginning of the cement era. I think that here in Hongkong we have evidence of that beginning. We have in the public and the private works, in the reclamations contemplated by the Government of Kowloon, City and Kennedy Town, at the reclamations contemplated at Lai-chi-kok and now in the prospective works at Gin Drinkers' Bay, in the programme of works for the Shing Mun River Valley, water scheme, and in the big dock at Kowloon 1,200 feet long, a programme of works which will employ all the cement works present factories can produce. (Hear, hear.) I would like to add a few words when the legend

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CHINESE BOY FALLS OFF
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The Chinese New Year holiday brought its usual toll of accidents, children being in the majority of instances, the victims.

A peculiar story of the death of a fifteen-year-old boy was reported to the Police on Tuesday. So Chueh-chow of Fuk Luk Lane fell off a tramcar while it was proceeding along Des Voeux Road West, near Whity Street. The boy got up and walked home with his companion. Shortly after reaching home he complained of pains in the head and five hours after the fall died. The accident happened at 5 p.m.

MILITARY LANDS.

MR. FLETCHER EXPLAINS

A resolution approving the acceptance of Sir John Oakley's award in respect of the military lands was moved by the Acting Colonial Secretary (Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher) at to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Fletcher intimated that it was not proposed to ask honourable members to vote on the resolution to-day but that he intended to make an explanatory. This he was proceeding to do, at considerable length, when this edition went to press.

KINGS OF ARABIA.

QUALITIES DEMANDED OF
A RULER.

Under the title of Kings of Arabia, Colonel Harold F. Jacob, who has been for many years employed in Aden, gives a comprehensive commentary on the political conditions there.

Colonel Jacob, remarks the Times, likes the Yemeni Arabs and gives good reason for so doing: he thinks poorly of the inabilities of the British and Indian Governments in Aden, and recounts missed opportunities, mistakes and cases of neglect. Still, in Aden the British have not had to face any very severe political competition on the part of European rivals; and now that the Turks are gone he thinks that a good deal of the raison d'être for the remarkably ineffective British Protectorate has gone too. While giving the Arabs credit for their every virtue, Colonel Jacob does not think that they are likely to achieve that political unity about which so much is said by Arabs in European capitals, and so little is done in Arabia. The average Arab tribesman is too conscious of his own personal freedom and too much taken up with his own importance to yield political authority easily to any but religious superior; and, as the author points out, there is no local religious unity, as Islam is much vexed by tribal and sectarian exclusiveness.

The author is careful to weigh the relative importance of these competitors in the popular estimation: how the Idrisi is looked upon as an upstart newcomer with a certain amount of scorn tempered by the awe induced by the magical exhibitions with which he impressed the credulous Faithful: or how no man, even of the Blood, can aspire to succeed the Imam Yehia as spiritual and temporal ruler of the Zaidi sectaries unless his nose be straight and his person free from blemish. This is very right and proper, for Colonel Jacob will have it that no finer country than the Yemen was ever created, and the ruler should not be unworthy of his realm.

He touches lightly on the political aspect of a renewed entente between Great Britain and Islam, and tells a pleasing tale of Sokobia, in which the estimable phoenix, magic, and cannibalistic witches all play their parts.

MORE ARMED ROBBERIES.

NEW YEAR RAIDS.

Armed robbers did not declare a holiday for the festivals of Chinese New Year. On the eve of the celebrations they were very active, carefully keeping an eye on the little store of cash which the shopkeeper kept to carry him over the holidays.

Two robberies were reported, one at Yaumati, fully in keeping with the district's notoriety, and the other at Mongkok, the robbers in both cases making their escape.

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SOME AMUSEMENTS.

It is well known that those dwellers on The Heights for which our Town is famous are very fond of indulging in various amusements in order to relieve the monotony of the clouds. After all clouds are rather monotonous when you live in them, in spite of the fact that they serve to make the lower parts of the town rather more remote. I have already written about the feasts which take place on The Heights, of their lavishness and magnificence, and they, perhaps, form the chief social activity of our leading citizens, for they are great believers in the "with good upon lined" idea. But there are other amusements which are no less important in their way. One is *Going to the Bank*. Now in other places less enlightened than ours, going to the Bank is business purely and simply. In such places you go into the bank with your cheque to be paid in or cashed; an obliging cashier deals with it at once, and you are outside in three minutes. This is not our idea of a Bank. Our Banks are very spacious and cool, built for crowds. You go to the Bank to meet your friends and have a chat, and rarely does one get out under half an hour. If you wish to pay in a cheque, you go to the proper counter and there find a small crowd collected, and very leisurely, an ancient cashier deals with the cheques presented. Perhaps, however, he may be engaged in writing notes in a small book, but the crowd waits patiently. Actually the crowd is not waiting. Pleasant gossip and small talk is indulged in, and when the cashier does hold out his hand for your cheque, you feel quite resentful that he should disturb this pleasant little meeting. Similarly when you want a cheque cashed, you go first to one counter, and after talking for some time with your friends, you suddenly find that the cashier has finished conversing with some fair damsel down from The Heights, or that he has finished his tenth pipe of the morning. Your cheque is then taken and it disappears into the inner recesses of the Bank for at least fifteen minutes. You, in the meantime, move along to the paying out counter, only to meet with another group of friends. Eventually you leave the Bank with a feeling of regret: the half hour has passed only too quickly. One Bank, I hear, is proposing to provide Mah Jong sets for the use of customers in order to make "Going to the Bank" still more pleasant.

A less popular amusement for our chief citizens is the Theatre. Like going to church, it is chiefly an opportunity to show off new dresses. The play is not taken very seriously as there is still that ancient idea about that actors and actresses are not nice to know; also our culture is a little above mere theatrical performances. Perhaps the real reason for going to the Theatre is the opportunity for impressing the dweller of the lower parts of Town. Of course our great men and their ladies sit "up in the gods." What is more natural, I ask you, than that our local Olympians should occupy seats raised far above the Hoi Polloi? So there in the theatre, on seats aloft, arrayed in their best clothes, sit our Mighty Ones, while the humble people, filled with awe and respect, worship them from afar. In order to create a still greater impression, it is necessary for the "gods" to enter just as, or after, the curtain goes up. As I have said the theatre is not very popular, for most of our Olympians have discovered that a far better way of impressing the rest of the world is to stay away altogether. If it were really cultured to take an interest in the Theatre, one would be built, of course, on The Heights. It is only the support of the Hoi Polloi that keeps the wretched thing going at all.

OUR COUNCIL.

You will be glad to hear that the Tree Campaign is proceeding well. Several large patches on the sides of The Heights have recently been laid bare, preparatory to their being covered with bricks and mortar. Hardly a tree exists now in Hamboing Road. The place was encumbered up with many useless and ancient Banyans, but in a short time, the last will have gone, and, of course, no more planted. There are great feelings of satisfaction in the hearts of our Councillors. I learn that the arrangements for the inauguration of The Order of The Treeless Town are nearing completion, and that the first list of those on whom the Order is to be bestowed will be published shortly. *Urbs Nostra Stupor Mundi!*

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NEW YEAR CRICKET.

CLUB DEFEAT SERVICES ON 2ND INNINGS.

Though 10 runs down on the first innings, the H.K.C.C. recovered in the second and gained a fairly comfortable victory, over the United Services in the two days match on the Club ground. Scores in the first innings were 188 to 169, but at the second attempt the Club scored 262 and the Services, a modest 191. The Club's second innings were considerably good.

Second innings scores were:

H.K.C.C.—First Innings.
Mitchell, b Gould, b Rough 20
Lammiert, b Pomfret 11
Steyer, c and b Pomfret 23
Powell, b Pomfret 15
Quock, b Pomfret 0
Moore, c Pomfret, b Hargrave 48
Perence, c Wallace, b Hargrave 52
Owen Hughes, l.b.v. Rough 41
Webster, c Pomfret, b Rough 26
Gage, st, b Wallace 1
Reed, not out 2
Extras 14
Total 202

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Lammiert 13 1 65 2
Pomfret 19 3 54 4
Fritz 14 0 40 0
Rough 10 2 95 3
Wallace 8 1 34 1
Gould 3 0 26 0

UNITED SERVICES,
2nd Innings.

Fritz, c Owen Hughes, b Reed 4
Lammiert, c Hughes, b Reed 3
Sharp, c Moore, b Quick 17
Hargrave, c Perence, b Powell 47
Pomfret, b Powell 1
Williams, b Powell 10
Gould, Quick, b Lammiert 1
Hattersley-Smith, c Gage, b Hughes, b
Lammiert 31
Rough, not out 4
Extras 8

Total 131

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Reed 12 3 24 2
Lammiert 10 1 34 3
Webster 4 1 12 0
Powell 10 3 91 4
Quock 7 2 22 1

KOWLOON C.C. v. R.E.'s.

In a friendly match played at the Kowloon ground, yesterday the Royal Engineers were defeated by the small margin of 15 runs. In their first innings, the K.C.C. knocked up 90, which drew a reply of 65. This same total was scored by the home team in the second innings, leaving the Engineers 91 to get to win. The feature of the match was the bowling of Jacob in the second innings. He took eight wickets for 11 runs.

Scores were:

KOWLOON—1st Innings.

H. Overy, c Winter, b Playford 3
A. Brown, b Jacob 21
A. Raven, b Playford 8
J. Edwards, b Playford 4
E. Savage, c Cloughton, b
Goodman 21
A. W. Summers, b Goodman 1
A. Raven, c Jacob, b Cloughton 19
W. Woolley, b Cloughton 19

J. Lang, not out 1

Extras 2

Total 90

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Playford 7 1 24 3
Cockell 6 1 20 0
Jacob 8 2 19 2
Goodman 4 0 11 2
Cloughton 4 1 12 1
Winter 13 0 0 1

R.E.'s—1st Innings.

L. Sgt. Cockell, b Overy 1
A. M. S. Ramsay, b Brown 1
Capt. Chippendale, b Brown 1
L. Sgt. Brown, b Overy 7
C. G. M. Smith, c Brown, b
O. Raven 21

L. Sgt. Winter, c Green, b O.
Raven 25

Sgt. Goodman, st. Edwards, b
O. Raven 0

Sgt. Cloughton, c Green, b O.
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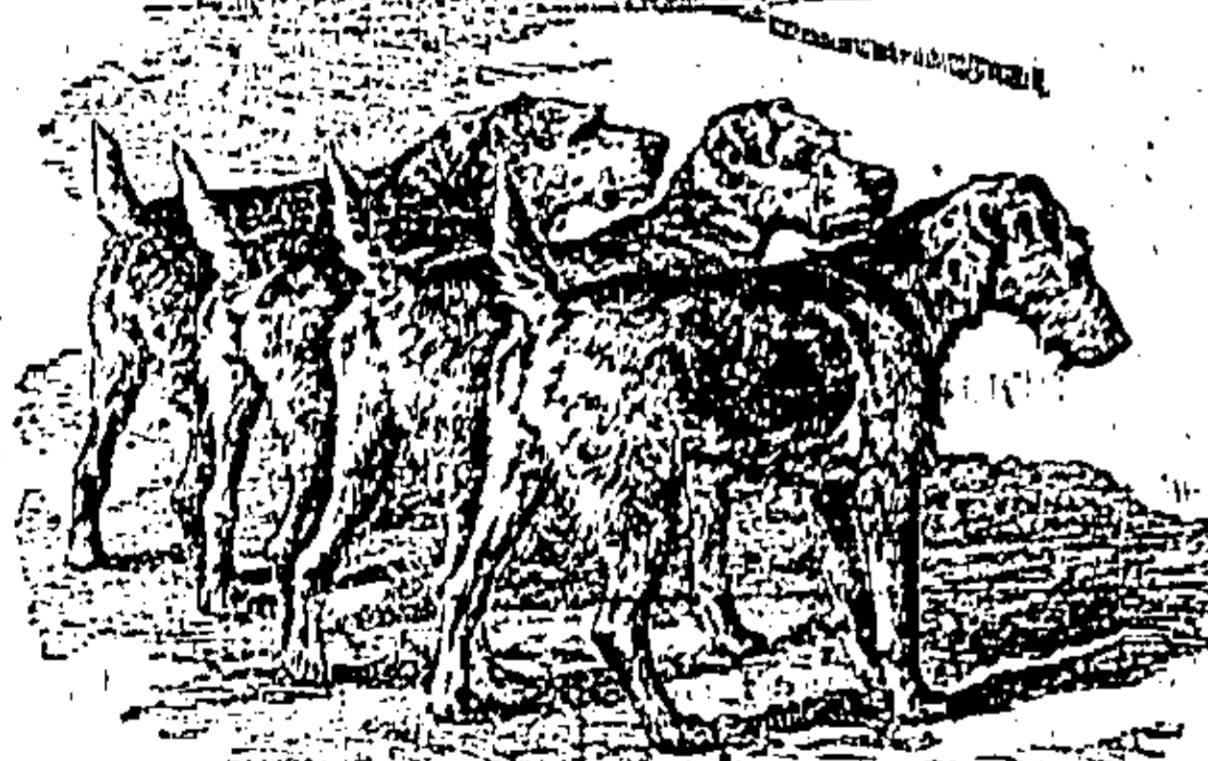
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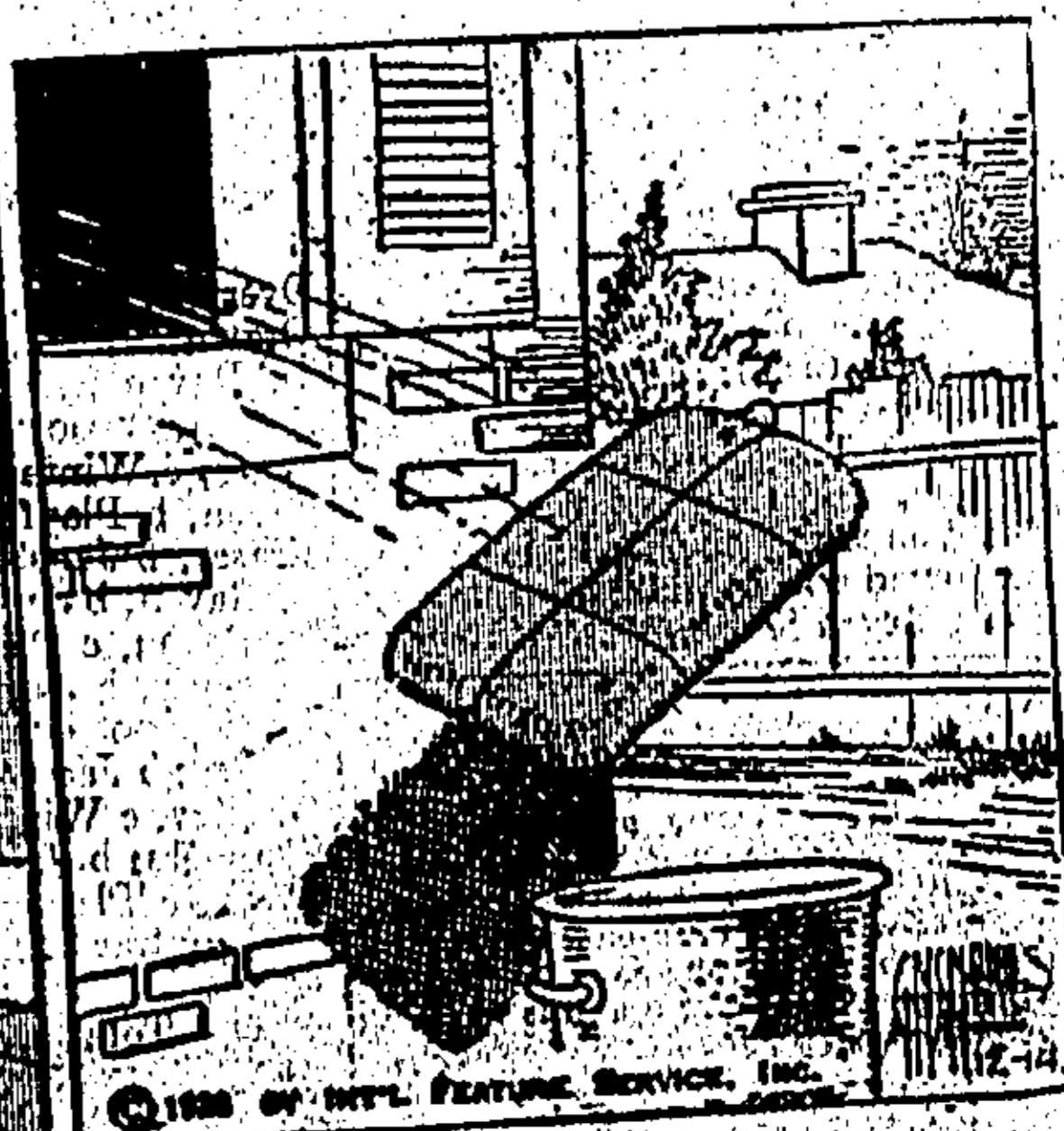
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, February 6. Chao Hsin-chu and Baron Hayashi were the principal guests at a dinner given by the London Union of Chinese Students on the occasion of Chinese New Year. Baron Hayashi in his speech referred feelingly to the passing of ex-President Woodrow Wilson, who had worked for the welfare of both China and Japan. He said that China was still unable to settle down but that patience was required. It must be remembered, he said, how many past revolutions there had been in China.

Chao Hsin-chu expressed the hope that Japan would soon recover from her terrible visitation. He added that there were many bonds of sympathy between China and Japan, and that there was really no reason why the two Asiatic peoples should not always closely co-operate. Their differences were only transient and the influence of merchants and students would be most effective. He regretted that Asia was not adequately represented on the Council of the League of Nations. In view of the size of her populations he protested that this was unfair. It would have been a real pleasure to China, he said, to co-operate with Japan in the work of the League.—Reuter's American Service.

BRITAIN'S FOREIGN POLICY.

LONDON, February 6. Mr. Macdonald in an interview declared that Russia's entry into the League of Nations was attended with difficulty, but Germany's inclusion must be insisted upon. Referring to Anglo-French misunderstandings, he declared Britain was no longer content to sit and watch events. The new attitude was apparently succeeding beyond expectations.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TRAINING SQUADRON.

WELLINGTON, February 6. Vice-Admiral Saito commanding the visiting Japanese training squadron, and his Staff were entertained at lunch at the Parliament House by Premier Massey, who said in his speech of welcome that Japanese assistance in escorting the New Zealand contingent in wartime would never be forgotten. He hoped that Japan and Britain would remain united for centuries. Vice-Admiral Saito replying, complimented the Government on the complete harmony that existed between the British and the Maoris.—Reuter.

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M. E. F. AIREY, Superintendent, Hongkong, 10th January, 1924.

The Scottish express which left London (St. Pancras) for Leeds, Carlisle, and Scotland, arrived at Carlisle two hours late. An official on the train reported that when going 70 miles an hour near Bedford a flange of one of the engine wheels broke, and also the connecting rod, the permanent way being torn up for nearly a mile.

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